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In re Patent Application of)

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) Group Art Unit: 2815

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of December 6, 2001, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the Group II claims - that is, claims 17-29 and 44-60, drawn to a process.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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